

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|----|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary) | | | | Complete if Known | |
| | | | | Application Number | 10/790,882-Conf. #4740 |
| | | | | Filing Date | March 3, 2004 |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Hiromitsu YAMAKAWA |
| | | | | Art Unit | 2873 |
| | | | | Examiner Name | D. J. Collins |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | 0649-1119PUS1 |

RECEIVED

SEP 2 2005

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number-Kind Code ⁴ (if known) | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁵ |
| 28 | BA | JP-2001-183578-A | 07-06-2001 | Milestone KK | | A |
| | BB | JP-2001-174701-A | 06-29-2001 | Tochigi Nikon Corp. | | A |
| | BC | JP-2000-347352-A | 12-15-2000 | Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BD | JP-2000-321489-A | 11-24-2000 | ENPLAS Corp. | | A |
| | BE | JP-2000-162498-A | 06-16-2000 | Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd. | | A |
| | BF | JP-2000-035533-A | 02-02-2000 | Sony Corp. | | A |
| | BG | JP-11-337820-A | 12-10-1999 | Konica Corp. | | A |
| | BH | JP-2001-504949-A | 04-10-2001 | | | A |
| | BI | JP-10-115777-A | 05-06-1998 | Olympus Optical Co. Ltd. | | A |
| | BJ | JP-10-104511-A | 04-24-1998 | Hinode:KK | | A |
| | BK | JP-10-078543-A | 03-24-1998 | Olympus Optical Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BL | JP-09-281388-A | 10-31-1997 | Olympus Optical Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BM | JP-07-043607-A | 02-14-1995 | Matsushita Electric Ind. Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BN | JP-06-230275-A | 08-19-1994 | Matsushita Electric Ind. Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BO | JP-05-341185-A | 12-14-1993 | Olympus Optical Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BP | JP-05-281465-A | 10-29-2003 | Konica Corp. | | A |
| | BQ | JP-02-077712-A | 03-16-1990 | Sankyo Seiki Mfg. Co., Ltd. | | A |
| | BR | JP-02-071219-A | 03-09-1990 | Konica Corp. | | A |
| BS | JP-2003-140038-A | 05-14-2003 | Kyocera Corp. | | A | |
| BT | JP-2003-149551-A | 05-21-2003 | Sony Corp. | | A | |
| BU | JP-2004-020996-A | 01-22-2004 | Nissei Denki Kogyo KK | | A | |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

A=English Language Abstract

| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ⁵ |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ⁵ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Examiner Signature |  | Date Considered | 11/15/2005 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|

Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP

MRC/cdr